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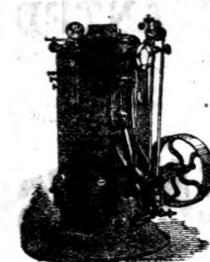
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LITERATURE OF THE DAY. HOW CATHERINE SAW RESSIA.

Potemkin assembled all the troops of the empire along the route her Majesty was to lous to know. travel. He ordered great public works to be commenced, at which the workers toiled mansions of the nobility at the places where paper her Majesty was to sleep, garnishing them at his own expense with the richest furniture, and even presenting their owners with plate and linen that Catherine might be impressed with the wealth and prosperity of the dominions under his care. Crowds of people were deported from the outlying provinces and brought to line the route and hurrah as Catherine drove past; thereafter they were hurried forward to greet her with a similar welcome at a later stage of the journey. "I thought," said she, "that I

true springs of my empire in all their vigor and activity." By fetes, pyrotechnic displays, each of which cost 40,000 rubles, splendid hospitalities such as only the imagination of Potemkin c ald conjure, he turned the royal progress which was to work his discomfiture into a series of triumphs. At Kiof her Majesty embarked to sail down the Dneiper as far as Kaydak, where 13 catamets begin, rendering navigation impossible for a space of 60 versts. The distance her Majesty had to sail was 450 versts; and the bed of this

part of the river Potemkin had leveled at an enormous outlay of money. A magnificent fleet of fifty galleys, the rooms of which were hung with silk, each ship having on board an orchestra of 12 musicians, carried Catherine and her suite down the river. The banks of the Dneiper were dotted with cities, towns, villages, and hamlets, which had grown up as Jonah's gourd to disappear as quickly. In many cases the distant buildings were merely sham fronts facing the river. The wharves of the towns were littered with bales labeled silk," &c., but which, when pierced, were ound to contain straw; shop-keepers in bons fide townships were ordered to pack up their stock-in-trade and build it round their

At Knydak, where she disembarked, Poemkin conducted the Czarina to a large annsion which had jest been built; behind it lay an English garden, into which, says Segur, "the magic of Prince Po emkin had caused trees of extmordinary size to be planted; a cheering prospect, varied by wood, waters and flowers." Here her Majesty reviewed the troops-45 squadrons of cavalry, and numerous bodies of infantry,

all newly armed and equipped. From this town, also, the deluded lady wrote to her Ministers in St. Petersburg expressing her satisfaction with the condition and prosperity of Potenkin's Government, adding: "I beg you will tell this to the unan end to the cavils of the ill-disposed. It is high time that entire justice should be done to those who devote themselves to my zeal and success," After visiting the Crimea, where the theatrical genius of Po temkin devised new surpises at every halting-place, her Majesty began her homeward

The curtain fell at Pultawa, where a mimic repetition of the great battle fought there in 1709 by Charles XII. and Peter the Great was produced for Catherine's delectation. The coup de theatre was over; Potemkin returned to his Government loaded with presents; the Czarina, welcomed, feted, hymned, made her way, via Moscow, to the capital, after the most wonderful royal progress the world has ever seen. She left St. Peters-

raised in a night; temples of Diana; delightful harems; wandering tribes; dromedaries and camels; dethroned princes of the Caucasus and Georgia paying their omage and addressing their prayers" to the Light of the North, as her flatterers planned it all and attended to every detail of the comedy, we are forced to confess that whatever we may find Potemkin's qualities least born to be a courtier-or a showman. -Temple Bar.

STRANGE WEDDING-FEES.

We knew a clergyman who once recived from a wealthy groomsman a bright penny, inclosed in a dozen wrappers. He always persisted in believing that the intention was to give him a twenty-dollar gold-piece. We A clergyman who was formerly located in

married, not long ago, a couple who at once started for Europe. The bridegroom was a man of wealth, and before he presented himself before the bridal altar he placed a one-hundred-dollar greenback in his vest pocket to give the parson for the marriagefee, and did pay it to him as he supposed. While crossing the ocean he discovered greatly to his astonishment, the bill in the pocket where he placed it, and could acsount for its presence there only on the theory that he must have had another bill of a different denomination which he had do-

nated to the clergyman by mistake. On getting back to this country, he determined to solve the mystery, and waited upon the reverend gentlembn, who did not is the oldest settler living at Charlotte, havrecognize him, and inquired if, 'on a certain | ing lived there since 1709 .- Falls Gazette. date, he did not marry a certain couple. He is a curiotity, and no mistake. A mass The elergyman remembered the occasion 173 years old is worth seeing. Send him

nent question," said the visitor; "but I " .....

should like to be informed what fee you received for performing the ceremony ?" The clergyman recognized the man as the one he had married, and said that he would, of course, gratify him, since he was so anx-

"I received," he then went on to my, " a very small quantity of fine-cut chewing today and night; he repaired the dilapidated | bacco, folded in a very small piece of

That was enough. The only thing recurious blunder, laugh heartily, and make the one-hundred-dollar deposit good.

An old uncle once brought his viece to a rectory, on a cold, rainy day, to be married, and then, after the ceremony was over, fumbled about for a two-dollar bill, and, not being able to find it, said, as he handed the parson a five-dollar bill :

"Take the change out of that for a twodollar job. It's kind o' wet and cold like to-day, and I guess two dollars will be about was coming to a desert, but here I find the the thing."

Of course the amount of a marriage-fee is

a delicate question, which elergymen are generally too modest to determine, much more to ask; but we never heard it dispose of so neatly as this:

A Quaker married a woman of the Church of England. After the ceremony, the vicar asked for his fees, which he said

The Quaker, astounded at the demand said if he would show him any text in the Scriptures which proved his fees were a crown, he would give it to him.

Upon which the vicar directly turned to the 12th chapter of Proverbs, and 4th verse, where it said: "A virtuous woman is a grown to her husband."-Phile.

A FAITUFUL SWEETBRART.

tain side stood a young man, tapping impatiently with his cane a tiny foot that peoped out from beneath his checkered pants. Brushed carelessly away from his white forehead were two golden locks, and a No. 6 hat was perched jauntily on the back of

"Will she never come?" he muttered, in ow, carnest tones; "never come to hear the sweet words of love that are waiting on

A fish rose to the surface of the brook,

turned to go a pair of gleaming arms were thrown around his neck, and two rosy lip were puckered up for a kies.

"Yes," replied the girl. "Birdie Mothe clothes herself to-day, although it nearly broke my heart to leave her at such a

self. "I had forgotten that it was Monday."-Chicago Tribune.

THE LATEST PASSION IN CURTAINS. The curtain of unbleached muslin, with turkey red border, no longer waves from suburban windows, but it is banished in limp scantiness to the back country, where it glads the eye of the summer boarder. Cotton flannels in reds, peacock blues, and old gold has faded and been made over into bed comfortables, and the methetic bouse. keeper now experiments with blue Kentucky jeans, trimmed with saw teeth of the burg on Jan. 14, 1787; she entered it again useful turkey red for portieres and wall hangings. This is decreed the true ar-Recalling the marvels and romance of the tistic material in color and "values," journey, the French Ambassador speaks of durable, not given to fade venationally fleets suddenly created; squadrons of Cos- and cheap. But, of course, that isn't sacks and Tartars coming from the remote | the reason for its use. One of the strongparts of Asia; illuminated roads; moun- est points has been overlooked-namely, its tains on fire; enchanted palaces; gardens odor, which in a warm room is rather over

lady is not always the most serious one the he prevailed upon the young lady herself to back of your frock." "Papa's ansver is on the back of my dress," said Miss Jane, as her round, the delighted Profes or read these words: "With the author's compliments."-Chambers's Journal.

The number of people who go to Colo cado hoping to be cured of asihms dyspep. sia or consumption is very large. Not a low invalids earn their board by engaging in light occupations. The Denvey Tribune thinks that if house rent could be made low and factories for light work could be started both the invalids and the State unuld resp

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